

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1073  
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2003  
CRITERIA FOR BPL IDENTIFICATION  
MALYALA RAJAJIAH;PUNNULAL MOHALE

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any representation from State Governments/ UTs for changing the norms for identifying the people living below the poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Governments of Rajasthan and Kerala have requested the Union Government to withdraw the ceiling fixed for the BPL households to be identified through the BPL Census, 2002.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development has advised the State Governments that the number of persons identified through the BPL Census, 2002 may not exceed the number of persons living below the poverty line estimated by the Planning Commission for 1999-2000 for the rural sector or the number of persons as per the Adjusted Share computed by the Planning Commission, whichever is higher. An additional 10% has also been permitted to account for the transient poor.